

# DOCKET SECTION

BEFORE THE  
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
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Docket No. R97-1

**RESPONSES OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE  
TO INTERROGATORY OF ABA&EEI&NAPM  
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS O'HARA  
(ABA&EEI&NAPM/USPS-T30-5)**

The United States Postal Service hereby files its responses to the following  
interrogatory of American Bankers Association & Edison Electric Institute & National  
Association of Presort Mailers, filed September 17, 1997:

ABA&EEI&NAPM/USPS-T30-5.

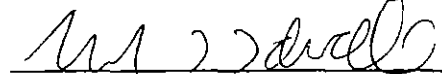
*The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.*

Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE OF THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE TO INTERROGATORY OF THE  
AMERICAN BANKERS ASSOCIATION, THE EDISON ELECTRIC INSTITUTE, AND THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PRESORT MAILERS  
(REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS O'HARA)

**ABA&EEI&NAPM/USPS-T-30-5.** Regarding air transportation, e.g., Testimony at 29, for fiscal years 1993 through 1997, or year-to-date if not available, and for the test year, please provide the pieces, pounds, cubic feet, cost, and the percentage each of the foregoing represents for the relevant class of mail for the following mail:

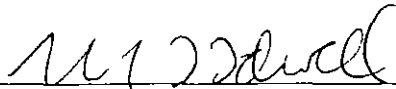
- (a) First-Class single piece;
- (b) First-Class automated presort; provide this information by rate category, if available;
- (c) Periodicals regular (or its predecessor classification);
- (d) Standard (A) regular (or its predecessor classification); provide this information by rate category, if available.
- (a) Standard (A) Enhanced Carrier Route (or its predecessor classification); provide this information by rate category, if available.

**RESPONSE:**

The question is somewhat ambiguous. If you are seeking the pieces, pounds, cubic feet, and cost of these classes of mail, this information is provided in the Cost and Revenue Analysis Reports (for Fiscal Years 1993 - 1996), USPS-T-5, Exhibit 5C (for Base Year 1996), and in USPS-T15, Exhibit 15D, 15G, and 15J (for FY 1997 and FY 1998, before and after rates). If on the other hand you are seeking the pieces, pounds, and cubic feet of these classes of mail as carried on air transportation, these data are not available. Historic percentages of air transportation costs are available from the Cost Segments and Components Report filed annually with the Commission. A Base Year version of this report is found in USPS-T-5, Exhibit 5A. FY 1997 and Test Year versions of this report are found in USPS-T-15, Exhibits 15B, E and H.

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this date served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.

  
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